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I send greetings to those celebrating Excellence in Science, Technology, and Mathematics Education Week.

The United States has long been a world leader in innovation and technological achievement. Our Nation has a rich history of exploration and discovery, marked by scientific advancements that have revolutionized our society. To continue to strengthen our economy, ensure our homeland security, and improve the lives of our citizens, it is essential that America remain on the cutting edge of science and technology.

This week provides an opportunity to raise awareness of the importance of math, science, and technology in education. By challenging and engaging students in these critical fields, we can lay the groundwork for an exciting future of invention, progress, and discovery.

I applaud students who are showing an interest in math, science, and technology for your hard work and dedication to these important fields of study. I also commend teachers, parents, and all those involved for your efforts to inspire young Americans to gain knowledge that will help shape our lives for decades to come. Your important work strengthens our Nation and points the way to a brighter future for all.

Laura joins me in sending our best wishes for a successful week.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "George W. Bush". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "George" written in a large, sweeping script.